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1. An officer in the Yugoslav Ministry of War told Informant recently that the Yugoslav General Staff has adopted the former German tactics of moving all major army units at given intervals, to confuse Cominform agents.
2. All large units still retain administrative command posts, but with a skeleton staff, while elements of the command are dispersed throughout other areas. Tactical command posts of corps or divisions are often found in remote areas, while component regiments and battalions are in entirely different parts of the country.
3. Hence officers and enlisted men returning from leave are ordered back to their administrative command posts, from where they are directed to new tactical locations with their respective units.
4. As illustrative of the foregoing, the tactical command of the Third Army is alleged to have moved two weeks ago to Sabac (west of Belgrade), where it is situated in a barracks on the eastern fringe of the town. Sabac is not believed to be the location of the administrative command post for the Third Army.

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